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TO BEGIN CARSON ST. PAVING SOON NEW CLUBHOUSE OPENS NEXT WEEK

OPEN BIDS FOR JOB MONDAY

Work on New East and Highway Will Start in Few Weeks
WILL RUSH EXTENSION
Supers Have Petition for Paving Way to Orange County

The paving of Carson street from the Los Angeles shoeing strip to Long Beach boulevard will be started in a few weeks. This was assured Monday when bids for the work were opened by the Board of Supervisors. It is expected that the contract will be awarded in a few days, after which work will start in about a month. The supervisors have received a petition asking for extension of the pavement to connect with the Orange County system. The petition is being checked by the engineering department and as soon as it receives an official O. K. proceedings will be started by the board. The paving of Carson street will provide one of the most highly important east and west highways in Southern California. The highway will be a direct route from Orange and San Bernardino Counties to the sea.

Chamber Votes \$200 For High Grid Material

Popular Subscription Avoided as Directors Appropriate Money for Supplies

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce directors Tuesday afternoon appropriated \$200 for the purpose of providing equipment for the football teams of Torrance High School. The appropriation was made after an investigation by the school committee revealed that the boys at the school are playing football without complete equipment and that other lads would turn out for the teams if proper equipment were available. Last year a fund for equipment was raised by popular subscription. It is the policy of the present directorate of the Chamber to discourage popular subscriptions whenever possible, and inasmuch as the finances of the Chamber have been so handled this year that funds are available, the directors made the appropriation out of the general fund.

Fans Hear World Series Report at Six Local Stores

World series baseball reports are being enjoyed this week by fans at several places in Torrance, where firms are receiving play-by-play accounts of games over the radio. The reports are being received at the American Bowling Alleys, the Army and Navy Store, the Dolley Annex, Earl and Ted's Coffee Shop, the Torrance Pharmacy, Schultz, Peckham, Schultz, Smith's, Fenwick, Cafe, Beacon Drug Store, Gardner Music Company, Ben Rappaport's, Paxman's Hardware, and the Torrance Auto Electric. Plays are being recorded on a blackboard at the American and the Army and Navy Store, where the reports are coming in over Atwater Kent sets furnished by the DeBra Radio Company.

F. B. Dilley, associated with the California National Supply, has accepted a transfer to Taft. Mr. Dilley left Torrance Tuesday of this week, and Mrs. Dilley will join him as soon as business arrangements are completed here.

Observations

Watch Out for L. A.—A Man I Know—Gangs and Machine Guns—The President on Intolerance—Two Jokes in the Times

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IT begins to look as though the long-expected drive of the city of Los Angeles to annex everything between Fresno and San Diego is about to start. Venice, torn by local political bickering, charges of graft on the part of officials and a long-drawn war over municipal affairs, got tired of the situation and voted to join the big city. Now comes Santa Monica citizens with a petition asking that they again be allowed to vote on the annexation proposition. Meanwhile Los Angeles eyes turn harborward, with envy, on the fat territory lying west of the shoeing strip. Watch out! This territory has nothing at all to gain by joining Los Angeles. And it has everything to lose—including plenty of tax money every year—by going in. Persons close to touch with the Los Angeles annexation plans declare that the next big move will be in this direction. Watch out!

I KNOW a man who is forever dissatisfied with things as they are. He is dissatisfied with social conditions. He is dissatisfied with the complex life in the modern community. He is forever bursting with impatience at the difficulty of bringing up children properly in this age of speed, jazz and automobiles. I wish there were more like him. He is tolerant, wise, forceful, and forever dissatisfied. Give the nation about one man like him in every town, city and hamlet and we would get somewhere. The "revolt of the unfit" has destroyed most of the great empires and cities of history. The "revolt of the fit" alone can save North America from reverting to the European standard of morality.

HERE is a new wrinkle. Gangsters in the peaceful city of Chicago are using machine guns in their war against police. A gang of outlaws rode past the Ragen Club the other night and poured volleys from automatic rifles and machine guns through the window. They were trying to kill "Spikie" O'Donnell, liquor and vice chieftain. They did not succeed in killing him, but they shot one man dead and seriously wounded another. The gangsters got away.

I wonder how many of the men in the gang that did the shooting have been shown clemency by judges or have been paroled by prison boards. It would be intensely interesting to find out. Also to know the ages of these assassins.

The crime question is the biggest question before the country. It cannot be answered by governmental paternalism, misplaced altruism or sickening sentiment. The sooner we make the penalties for crime more severe, the sooner we oil the wheels of Justice so that they will turn more swiftly and certainly, the sooner we serve notice that criminals will be dealt with severely and without delay, the sooner we kill all killers, sane or insane, the sooner will society be protected against the organized gangsters that make life hazardous in every large American city.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE made a strong plea for tolerance when he spoke at the American Legion convention at Omaha Tuesday. His words carry a message of good will around the world. He tells the American people that they have no monopoly on patriotism and character and advises this country to set an example of domestic tranquility before the rest of the world.

The President brought to Omaha sound advice based on the guarantees of freedom written into the Constitution of the United States. There is much for us to think about as we read these words of the chief executive: "Among some of the varying racial, religious and social groups of our people there have been manifestations of an intolerance of opinion, a narrowness of outlook, a fixity of judgment against which we may well be warned. It is charged with the duty of eliminating from its local problems in a community based on the ideals of which Americans boast than any considerable development of intolerance as regards religion."

This is a sensible statement from the head of the American government, a man whose position makes him more sensitively aware of forces that are at work throughout the land than any other one person in the country possibly can be. Let every individual carry it to his own consciousness. If the United States as a whole is to stand before the world as a country of toleration and good will, every community in the United States is charged with the duty of eliminating from its local problems all elements of racial and religious hatred, to root fanaticism and stamp out those last remaining vestiges of witch-burning characteristics that unfortunately exist in some small measure in every corner of the country.

The President's address deserves great consideration by each of his countrymen.

HO! HO! The Methodist Episcopal Church draws the fire of District Attorney Banton of the angelic city of New York. Why? Well, because the church actually had the temerity to suggest that New York is a wicked city.

Well, well! We haven't been in New York lately—not since we were there on our honeymoon. But as we recall the Borough of Manhattan before and during the war, it was just about the wildest, wooliest, wickedest old burg in North America. Maybe it has changed. Maybe.

And maybe the leopard can change his spots, too. New York a decent, clean town? Pass the applesauce and pardon the editorial snickers.

THAT statement by Mr. Banton was on the front page of the Times. I thought they ran all their humor on the inside. Well, let's turn the page and see if we can find any more jokes. Yeah. Here's one. It is in the continued part of the statement by Gov. Friedman Richardson on the "Big Hutch" case. The governor says he will review the parole if Los Angeles County officials request him to do so. He adds that such a request no more casts reflections on the prison board than an appeal to the Supreme Court would reflect on the Superior Court.

Which goes to prove that even a man of Gov. Richardson's character and strength sometimes indulges in a bit of political persiflage. Of course, in a way the governor is right. The Big Hutch stuff doesn't reflect on them. It shines on them full force, and directly. Still, and at the same time, that part of the governor's statement gets a giggle out of me.

Firemen Will Quell Blaze In Spectacular Program to Stress Prevention Message

Tries Florida; Is All Fed Up; Here Next Year

Here's an interesting letter we received this week: "Tucumcari, N. M., Oct. 2, 1925. "Dear Sir: Enclosed is check for your paper for another year. I would have sent it sooner, but have been in Florida. California has Florida beaten badly. Florida is the most overestimated place I ever saw. I have always spent my vacation in California and will hereafter. I heard many other people say 'Me for California from now on.' "Everything was very high in Florida. If you want to run tourists away, hold them up. They will all be back to California next year. Redondo Beach certainly has Miami and Palm Beach beaten for conveniences. "Very truly yours, "L. R. WALKER."

Torrance Will Oppose County Fines Payment

Torrance Monday night joined the throng of Los Angeles County sixth class cities which are strenuously opposing the projected ordinance in the part of the county to force such cities to pay to the county all moneys collected in fines for violation of the Wright act. If Torrance were forced to pay back such money, the sum would approximate \$14,000.

The Board of Trustees Monday night passed a resolution similar to one passed by most of the sixth class cities in the county. The resolution follows:

"WHEREAS, it appears to be an unjust provision of the law to require cities of the Sixth Class to turn over to the County Treasurer certain fines and forfeitures collected in the Recorder's Court and the same appear unfair to the smaller municipalities which have in good faith undertaken their share of the work of enforcing the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and the law of California commonly called the Wright Act, and in effect reduce their income to such an extent that it will be impossible for them to co-operate in the enforcement of such law, and

"WHEREAS, prior to a recent decision of the Supreme Court it was generally understood and agreed that it was lawful for such cities to retain in their respective treasuries and use said fines and forfeitures for ordinary municipal uses; and

"WHEREAS, pursuant to said understanding the City of Torrance and many other Sixth Class cities have heretofore used and expended all such fines and forfeitures, and the County of Los Angeles has permitted and allowed and acquiesced in such expenditures and has never made any demand that any such sums be turned over to its treasurer, the officials of said County well knowing that said Sixth Class cities were retaining and expending for municipal purposes such moneys; and

"WHEREAS, the City of Torrance has no funds out of which it can lawfully pay into the County Treasury any such moneys heretofore retained by it and expended for municipal purposes; now, therefore,

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the President of said Board of Trustees be empowered to take such steps as may be necessary to place the facts before the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and to co-operate with other cities of the Sixth Class in urging and requesting that the County of Los Angeles make no demand on any of such cities for any of the moneys above mentioned collected by said cities prior to July 1, 1925."

Torrance Department to Put on Realistic Drill Thursday WILL SCALE BUILDING Ladder Work Part of Program in Business District

An actual fire-fighting demonstration will be staged by the Torrance Volunteer Fire Department on Thursday night, Oct. 15. The demonstration will take place at El Prado and Sartori avenue. A building will be erected on the vacant lot north of El Prado and set on fire. The department will run hose and put out the flames. A regulation fire drill will also be staged and the firemen will give an exhibition of ladder scaling, working on the El Prado Hotel.

The demonstration was arranged by Chief Ben Hannebrink, who recently attended the convention of Pacific Coast fire chiefs at Seattle. Chief Hannebrink is anxious that the people of this district take seriously the message of Fire Prevention Week and the demonstration here until next week. The purpose of the demonstration is to stress the significance of the week.

The activity of the chief and the department in arranging the demonstration was endorsed last week by the Kiwanis Club of Torrance. While Fire Prevention Week is this week, Chief Hannebrink could not make arrangements for the demonstration here until next week, owing to the fact that he returned from Seattle only last week.

Auction Bridge Articles Start In This Edition

Instructive, Interesting System Will Run for 36 Weeks

Because of the increased interest in auction bridge in this country, we have secured the exclusive service for this territory of Wynne Ferguson, New York, widely known bridge expert, to write a series of weekly articles under the heading of "Easy Lessons in Auction Bridge." The first one appears in this issue. There will be subsequent lessons each week.

The series of Bridge lessons is one of the big journalistic features to be released this season, and but one paper in this country has been chosen for the service. An added feature to Mr. Ferguson's service will be a "Question and Answer Box" conducted every week by The Herald. The questions will be answered in the order they are mailed to "Hoyle Jr.," care of this paper.

Mr. Ferguson is making dozens of Bridge players grow where none grew before, and he is doing this through pointing out to the public some of the interesting features of the game. Mr. Ferguson's talks are not only pointed and refreshing, but they will go far in helping to standardize the game.

It has truthfully been said that Bridge is one of the greatest card games in America and it is growing more popular every day.

Hyde Asks Board Force Removal of Idle Oil Derricks

A request from Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, that the trustees pass an ordinance providing for the removal of abandoned oil derricks within the city limits was referred Monday night by the board to the ordinance committee, city attorney and city engineer. Mr. Hyde stated that several derricks from which the machinery have been removed stand in the city, and asked if the board could not legally take action which would force their removal. The board greeted the suggestion with apparent favor.

Next Monday and Tuesday Are Named as Clean-Up Days Here; City Teams Will Haul Refuse

Clean up Torrance. That will be the slogan here next Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 12 and 13.

These two days were designated Monday night by the Board of Trustees for a general cleanup of the city. Residents and business houses are requested to clean up back yards and alleys and to place rubbish in the alleys. City teams will collect refuse on both days. The board also instructed the street department to remove the Russian thistles which have grown so rapidly on vacant lots this year. The clean-up campaign was inaugurated at the behest of George

Proctor, who called the attention of the board to the need for such a movement.

Mr. Proctor complimented the board on the dispatch with which East road was repaired after the condition of the highway was called to their attention. He dwelt on the co-operation which citizens with reasonable suggestions always receive from the Torrance trustees. Mr. Proctor recently made an address at Venice prior to the annexation election in that city. Prominent residents of Venice told him, he asserted, that there would have been no annexation movement in Venice had that city been served by a body of trustees such as the successive boards in Torrance.

W. J. Rojo Hurt As Car Upsets On Wet Street

Torrance Man's Knee Cap Is Seriously Injured; Son Is Unhurt

W. J. Rojo of the Torrance Laundry Company received severe injuries to his right knee and his son Bobbie was thrown out of his automobile to the pavement without injury Sunday afternoon when the Rojo car skidded on a wet pavement in Los Angeles. Rojo turned abruptly near the corner of Chicago and Fifth streets in Boyle Heights to avoid a collision with a car that was driving rapidly from a drive. Rojo's machine skidded and turned completely over. Bobbie was hurled several feet clear of the machine. Rojo's injuries were of sufficient severity to require treatment at the Santa Fe Hospital. It is feared the kneecap is badly impaired.

World's Champ Bowler To Roll Here on Sunday

Jimmy Smith Has Scored 16 Perfect Games; In Good Form

Jimmy Smith, world's champion bowler will roll two match games at the American alleys in Torrance Sunday.

In the afternoon at 2:30 Smith will roll Bert Sharon, winner of the Torrance City Bowling League trophy, for high individual average. At 8 p. m. Smith will roll against Harry Hopping of Los Angeles. Hopping is regarded by many as the best bowler on the Pacific Coast and devotees of the game expect him to make Smith do his best to win.

Smith has an enviable record. Sixteen times he has rolled 300. In the season of 1922-1923 he bowled 703 games for 148,393 pins, an average of better than 211. In 1911 and 1920 he was the A. B. C. champion, with scores of 1919 and 1915, respectively. Smith established a world record in 1911 at the Canadian Bowling Association tournament when he rolled 279, 236 and 256 for a total of 771.

On his way to Los Angeles Smith bowled 45 games in Denver for an average of 243.

City Gets Sewer Farm Lease Bid From Brick Co.

Mayor R. J. Deininger Monday night presented to the trustees a tentative proposal from the Torrance Brick Company for the leasing of three and one-half acres of city-owned land on the sewer farm property. The company proposed to extract clay from the land and pay the city a royalty of 20 cents per 1000 bricks made from the clay. The board estimated that the return to the city would be insufficient to pay the cost of filling in the hole after the clay had been taken out. No action was taken.

Core Every Foot Of Wildcat Hole In Palos Verdes

Authentic News of Log Withheld by Petroleum Securities Men

Down almost 2400 feet and coring ahead every inch of the way. That is about all the definite information available this week on the status of the Petroleum Securities wildcat well in the Palos Verdes hills near Western avenue. The Doheny field men are under strict orders to withhold information regarding the log of the well. It is known that the company expected to pick up an oil formation at a shallow level. A promising showing was encountered and the operators considered the advisability of making a production test. This idea was given up, however, and the crew was ordered to drill ahead.

Award Contract For Erection of School Building

Work Will Start Soon on Torrance Elementary Addition

The contract for the construction of the addition to the Torrance Elementary School and the auditorium was let this week by the Board of Education. Principal Bell expects that work will start in a few days. The addition and auditorium will cost \$105,000.

Kiwanians Visit Club in Compton

A number of the members of the local Kiwanis club drove over to Compton Wednesday and attended the weekly luncheon of the Compton Kiwanis Club. The meeting was not only enjoyable but also instructive to the local Kiwanians, since the Torrance Club was just recently organized by the Compton Club. James W. Leech, C. A. Paxman, H. M. Tolson, M. J. Fix, P. O. Guy, Henry F. Uibrigt, E. W. Huddleston and R. J. Deininger made the trip.

Ordinance Would Hit Stray Canines

Unlicensed dogs, running at large in the city, will soon be picked up by the police. The board of trustees Monday night passed through first reading an ordinance stipulating that the police catch such dogs, post notices of their descriptions for three days, and then either kill the animals or sell them to persons who will license them. The ordinance was introduced in response to a widespread complaint against stray dogs in the city.

BUILDING TO SERVE DISTRICT

Women's Club to Meet in Fine New Home on Thursday

HAS BEAUTY AND UTILITY Building Provides Spacious, Attractive Auditorium, Dining Room, Kitchen

The formal opening of the Women's Club House will not be held until two or three weeks. The date will be announced next week.

Opening informally today, when the members will enjoy a luncheon, the new home of the Women's Club of Torrance, designed to serve this entire district, will provide Torrance and vicinity with one of the finest buildings of its character in Southern California.

The new structure is a rare specimen of auditoriums and dining rooms. Externally and in the interior the building is architecturally well-proportioned and in excellent taste. With its large auditorium, spacious and well-equipped kitchen, stage, dining room and other facilities, the home is something more than a clubhouse for an organization. It is a community house that fills a long-felt need in this city and this district.

The main entrance to the building on Engracia avenue opens to an attractive foyer. A decorative fireplace faces the doors. On each side is a rest room, one for women and one for men. A window opens to a check room.

The fireplace is flanked on either side by attractive entrances to the spacious auditorium. Dimensions of this large room are 40 feet by 60 feet. The walls and unusually attractive barrel ceiling are decorated in a soft buff tone. Woodwork is of a neutral blending shade. There are no fixtures depending from the ceiling. The room being lighted by an indirect system installed in attractive semi-urns on the walls.

At the rear is an attractive stage, which will be curtained by a taupe velour. In the front is a moving picture projection room.

Drapes and hangings on the six large arched windows will add a note of color to the auditorium. Beneath the stage is a spacious store-room.

Kitchen Well Equipped In the rear of the building are the kitchen and dining room. In the "business end" of the building womanly planning is everywhere evident. Every inch of available space has been utilized for closets and store-rooms. The kitchen is decorated in apple-green and is excellently equipped with the most modern apparatus. From the kitchen apertures open to the dining room, facilitating service.

With an east and southwest exposure, the dining room is a place of all-day sunlight. Here between 75 and 100 persons may be seated and served without crowding.

A special entrance to the dining room is provided at the side of the building, so that it will not be necessary to open the main auditorium for special luncheons and dinners, when only a kitchen and dining room are required.

The clubhouse was made possible only by the generosity of those who purchased stock in the corporation and the many local firms and individuals who took stock in the company in return for materials or service.

It is estimated that the cost of the building was reduced by the generosity of business houses and individuals.

The clubhouse was erected by the corporation, built by the Industrial Housing Corporation, and leased to the social organization.

Interest, upkeep and purchase of the outstanding stock of the corporation according to a definite program will necessitate the raising of something more than \$200 a month by the club.